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CHP Marin Investigating Fatal Collision

Party #1: Kimberly Augusto, 20-year-old female, Petaluma
Vehicle #1: 2000 Nissan Altima

Party #2: Raymond Freeman, 46-year-old male, Venice, Florida
Vehicle #2: 2008 Ford E-350
Vehicle #2 Passengers: Eric Gales, 36-year-old male, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Hubert Crawford, 52-year-old male, Memphis, Tennessee
Paul Taylor, 37-year-old male, Memphis Tennessee

PRELIMINARY: On May 31, 2011, at approximately 1:04 a.m., P-1 was driving V-1 northbound on US-101, approximately .6 miles south of San Antonio Rd., at an unknown rate of speed, in the #1 lane. For an unknown reason P-1 allowed V-1 to drift off of the West roadway edge. P-1 then made an unsafe turning movement which caused the front right of V-1 to collide with the metal guardrail located on the East side of Northbound US-101. The force of the collision caused V-1 to turn in a clockwise direction which caused the rear left of V-1 to collide with the metal guardrail. Following the collision V-1 came to rest on its wheels facing in a westerly direction between the #1 and #2 lanes of Northbound US-101, with no indicator lights or hazard lights illuminated.

P-2 was driving V-2, northbound on US-101, approximately .6 miles south of San Antonio Rd., at approximately 65-70 mph, in the #1 lane. P-2 observed a dark vehicle with no lights on, facing west between the #1 and #2 lanes. P-2 attempted to avoid V-1 by aggressively applying V-2's brakes and steering V-2 to the left. P-2 was not able to avoid a collision with V-1. Subsequently the front of V-2 struck the mid driver's side of V-1. The force of the impact caused V-1 to be pushed into the center divide of northbound US-101, and into the metal guardrail within the dirt center divide of northbound US-101. V-1 came to rest facing in a westerly direction, against the metal guardrail, within the dirt center divide. V-2 came to rest with its front end against V-1, facing in a northerly direction. The force of the second collision caused fatal injuries to P-1. P-2 sustained no injury, and P-2's passengers sustained minor injuries.

The #1 lane of northbound US-101 was closed for approximately four hours to allow for a thorough investigation and to remove the involved vehicles. V-1 and V-2 were both removed by tow truck.

The collision events are currently under investigation with the above summary a preliminary account of the events. DUI is not believed to be a factor at this time.